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AMENDMENT C SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment C responds to the office action mailed September 19, 2005.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including March 19, 2006, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows: